

MISSOURI REVENUE FROM INSURANCE

COMPANIES OPERATING IN STATE PAY \$792,821, A NICE INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

FIRE RATES SHOW DECREASE

County Mutual Companies Do a Large Business, as Shown By Policies Amounting to \$173,000,000 in Force.

Jefferson City.—The total revenues collected from insurance companies operating in Missouri during the year 1913 aggregated \$792,821.58, an increase of approximately \$54,000 over the year 1912.

Of this total, \$705,668.30 was derived from premium taxes levied by the state insurance department, and \$87,153.28 from licenses to agents and miscellaneous fees. The premium taxes upon fire insurance shows a decrease of \$8,415.95, which is attributed to the suspension of business last summer by foreign stock companies and the growth of business by interinsurance companies, the latter paying no taxes upon premiums to the state.

That county mutual insurance companies of Missouri do a large business is indicated by figures showing these companies have policies in force amounting to \$173,095,529.

Losses aggregating \$416,011.61 were paid in 1913. This was equal to \$2.56 upon each \$1,000 worth of property. The average cost of insurance in the annual per \$100 is 30 cents, including operating expenses.

New Court Rules.

Jefferson City.—Three new rules adopted by the Missouri supreme court, to take effect immediately, were made public by J. D. Allen, clerk of the court.

The most important of the three new rules is aimed at the practice of lawyers rushing to the supreme court for original writs when there is remedy in the lower courts. This rule is as follows:

"No original remedial writ, except habeas corpus, will be issued by this court in any case wherein adequate relief can be afforded by an appeal or writ of error, or by application for such writ to a court having in that behalf concurrent jurisdiction."

The other two rules bear in a general way on the same matter. The first reads:

"No oral arguments will be granted by this court on applications for original remedial writs; and before such writs shall issue the applicant therefor shall give not less than five days' notice thereof to the adverse party or his attorney."

The second deals with writs of certiorari, and is as follows:

"No writ of certiorari shall be granted to quash the judgment of a court of appeals, on the ground that such court has failed or refused to follow the last controlling decision of the supreme court."

May Hold Up Gill's Pay.

Jefferson City.—The state capitol commission will use one of two methods to bring to an end its controversy with Contractor K. F. Gill over his proposal to use Ste. Genevieve stone in the new state capitol.

It may enjoin him from attempting to unload the Ste. Genevieve stone upon the capitol site.

It may hold up all moneys due to Gill for carrying on the work of the various subcontracts until he abandons this plan to use Ste. Genevieve stone.

Missouri Assessment.

Jefferson City.—The total valuation put upon real estate and personal property of Missouri by the assessors was \$1,662,738,932, which is an increase of \$95,030,427 over the valuation fixed by the state board of equalization for these classes of property in 1913.

Gordon Buys a Farm.

Jefferson City.—State Auditor John P. Gordon has turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and has recently bought a farm of 280 acres in the Missouri river bottoms near Wainwright, Callaway county, eight miles from Jefferson City.

Street Car Ventilation Criticized.

Jefferson City.—The congested condition of the cars of the United Railways company of St. Louis morning and evening, and the heating and ventilation during winter months, were criticized by the state public service commission in an opinion written by Commissioner William F. Woerner.

Epidemic of Measles.

Houston.—What is perhaps the worst epidemic in the history of Houston has appeared in the form of measles. Between 75 and 100 cases are said to be here this week.

St. Joseph.—The Associated Retailers are selling stock in the St. Joseph Citizens' Industrial Development Company, a \$100,000 corporation to be launched by the retailers' committee, to give financial aid to manufacturing industries in St. Joseph and to those desiring to locate here.

Missouri Health Continues Good.

Jefferson City.—There were 6,216 babies born in Missouri during the month of February, according to statistics compiled by the bureau of vital statistics. Of this number only 150 were negroes. The total number of deaths reported during February was 3,461. Of this number 3,187 were white and 274 were black persons, 1,909 were males and 1,552 were females.

During the month there were 462 deaths from tuberculosis, 165 from cancer, 226 from diseases of the circulatory system, 409 from diseases of the heart, 102 from diseases of the respiratory system, 222 from nephritis; diphtheria and croup, 55; whooping cough, 36; influenza, 43; diabetes, 27; typhoid fever, 35; measles, 45; accidents, 121; suicides, 46; homicides, 16; other causes, 793. Despite the prevalence of smallpox during the past few months, only three persons afflicted with the disease died.

Lincoln County astor Paroled.

Jefferson City.—Rev. Clyde Gow has been granted a parole by Gov. Major. He had only 53 days more of his sentence of 4 years to serve and would have been discharged under the three-fourths rule.

He was paroled on account of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Collier of Trenton, Mo. Gow departed on the first westbound train, hoping to reach the bedside of his sister as early as possible.

Gow was the pastor of a church at Ellsberry, in Lincoln county, and was convicted of complicity in an illegal operation which caused the death of Miss Elizabeth Gleason, a school teacher.

He is paroled to William Smith of Holt, Clay county, and must report until the expiration of his sentence.

He was on duty in the library of the prison and was a model prisoner.

Missouri Finances.

Jefferson City.—State Treasurer Edwin P. Deal, in his report for March, filed with Gov. Major, shows the transactions of the treasury for the last month as follows: Balance on hand Feb. 28, \$6,211,920.37; receipts in March, \$688,189.51; disbursements, \$688,217.45; general balance on hand, \$6,231,892.43.

There is a balance in the general revenue fund of \$467,733.14 and in the school fund of \$1,540,411.47. The school moneys will be appropriated to the several counties of the state in July, by which time the total will be nearly \$2,000,000.

The general balance will be augmented by the receipt of \$835,000 from the Mercantile Trust company of St. Louis, the proceeds of the sale of the last of the issue of the capitol refunding bonds.

The beer tax collections for the month totaled \$36,258, as against \$34,207 for March, 1913.

Two Horns of the Dilemma.

Jefferson City.—There is one man in the Missouri penitentiary who is not likely to file any petitions for clemency with the state board of pardons, although he is serving a sentence of 99 years. If he should be liberated at any time he would be taken to Farmington to be hanged.

James Schrumm and his son shot and killed Ghent Gibson and Mont. Hall at Iron Mountain Lake, St. Francois county, June 15, 1912. The elder Schrumm was first tried for the murder of Gibson, convicted and sentenced to 99 years. He was then tried for the murder of Hall and on conviction was sentenced to be hanged, the date of execution being fixed for April 3.

Lumber Litigation to End.

Jefferson City.—Whatever may be the final ruling of the supreme court in banc on the motions of the fined and ousted lumber companies and manufacturers for modification of judgment and reduction of fines, there will be no further litigation after the court has made known its action on these motions.

The companies will not appeal to the supreme court of the United States, even should the court here refuse to grant suspension of the ouster and reduction of fines, totaling \$435,000.

\$140,000 Saved to State.

Jefferson City.—That the Democratic state administration is intent on saving money to the taxpayers is shown by an order of the state board of fund commissioners for retirement of \$200,000 of the capitol building refunding bonds. These will be canceled during the week.

The date of the maturity of these bonds is 1925, and the rate of interest is 3½ per cent, so that the interest saved on the bonds aggregates \$126,000.

Resort Injunction Opposed.

Jefferson City.—An application filed in the supreme court for a writ of habeas corpus for the release of Mrs. May Laymaster from jail involves the question of whether disreputable houses may be suppressed by injunction.

Presbyterian Women to Gather.

Fulton.—The annual meeting of the women workers of the Southern Presbyterian church of Missouri will be held in Fulton April 21, 22 and 23.

Organize Commercial Club.

Sturgeon.—A commercial club has been organized here with a membership of 100 business men and farmers. Its membership also includes boys from 12 to 18 years old. The donations have almost reached \$300. A woman's auxiliary will be organized at once to help beautify the city.

"With Lilies and Sweet Flowers"



"Go forth ye radiant things of scent and bloom
Who know not toil or spinning—
Brighten with life My risen Son's cleft tomb
The Easter triumph winning!"

All Turn to Jerusalem

Sacred Scenes of Crucifixion and Resurrection Attract Pilgrims in Thousands at Easter Time

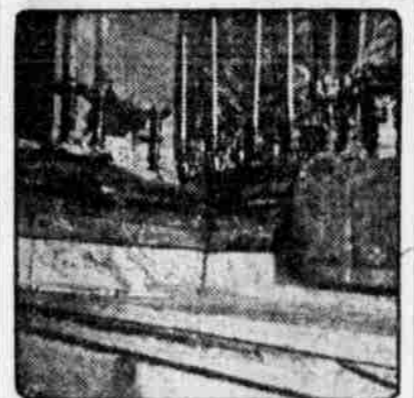
TYPICAL of the passing of winter gloom and of the coming of summer splendor, that was Easter from the beginning, the very embryo of nature study, the spontaneous expression of man's delight in the ever joyful and beautiful annual miracle of the springtime. "A thousand hills" in verdure clad, rare valleys spangled with wee wildlings, nurtured in nature's endless chain of gardens; vast forests putting on robes of spring and those trees which in their fruition offer feasts to humanity, first holding out their flowery offerings to their deities; flawless skies with cloudlets by way of making the blue dome more radiant—that was the world's pagan springtime up to that springtime of springtimes, that Sunday of Sundays, which we now celebrate as the chief festival of the resurrection of Christ and of the Christian era.

Easter! glorious Easter! Herald of nature's year, symbol of life eternal! Upon Easter all the Christian churches the wide world over hold commemorative services. Millions of voices are raised in praise; millions of heads are bowed in worship.

In the primitive church it was one of the special days for baptism. The Latin name of the Octave, or the following Sunday, Dominicus in albis, preserves the memory of the custom of the newly-baptized, wearing their white robes throughout the entire week. Russian Christians, who now make pilgrimages to the Holy Land, however poor they may be, and however much they may need the room for food and extra clothing, carry with them one precious parcel which contains the white robe for the baptism in the Jordan, to which they go after celebrating Easter in Jerusalem. After this baptism the robe is never put on again until it serves as a shroud.

Going down to Jericho from Jerusalem and returning two or three companies of pilgrims will be met, thousands of them in each group, walking single file as a rule, though some of them ride on donkeys. In the distance they look like ants winding round and round the mountain roads, the blackness of the little line showing all the clearer from afar, because there are no other living things, animal or vegetable, to break the wild and awful mountainous monotony of the clayey and chalky limestone chasms and precipices.

However, compelling in interest other parts of Palestine may be at Easter, the thoughts of the Christian world, as well as the steps of pilgrims, turn Jerusalemward. And of all the places of overwhelming interest in Jerusalem those connected with the crucifixion and the resurrection are of the most vital and compelling interest. The various sects have shed blood following their arguments over sacred matters hereabouts, but, according to the guide-book, the Church of the Holy Sepulcher covers the traditional spot of both. Reached through narrow, crooked, none too clean streets, this church fills the visitor with mingled emotions. Squatting on the stone-paved space before the south



Traditional Tomb of Christ in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

entrance are sellers of beads, evil eyes and various souvenirs made of olive wood.

Once inside, one finds armed Moslem custodians, who are necessary to keep the peace between the jealous Christian pilgrims from various parts of the world, some of them half-starved fanatics, who have sacrificed everything except life itself to get there. And here one finds hanging any number of beautiful metal lamps. The Greeks are allowed a certain number, the Armenians so many, and so on.

Almost as soon as the guard is passed the large "Stone of Anoint-

ment" is reached. On this the body of Jesus is said to have lain when it was anointed by Nicodemus. The principal part of this building is the rotunda of the sepulcher. The chapel of the sepulcher is about six feet each way, and very low, 43 precious lamps hanging from the ceiling. It is here on the split marble slab, which serves as an altar, that the members of the Catholic church (Latin, Greek, Armenian chiefly), or their friends, have blessed rosaries and crucifixes. It is entered through the vestibule called the Angels' chapel. The vast and dim church is explored by the painstaking visitor with guide, lamp and opera glasses. It varies from the finished, marble-faced and much decorated parts to others that suggest dusty store rooms in neglected attics.

In 1894 the site known as the Garden Tomb was purchased for \$10,000 by Church of England people, this body believing it to be the site of the entombment. It is a beautiful spot with quantities of fragrant rosemary wands forever swaying along with the rose-fruited racemes of the pepper trees. It is very near to Gordon's Calvary, which is best seen from the entrance to Solomon's quarries; though just outside the Damascus gate, these quarries extend under the city to a distance of 700 feet. One authority says that from them enough marble was taken to build ten cities the size of Jerusalem. No wonder "not a sound was heard," since all the cutting was done before the stones were taken out.

"Why Weepst Thou."

Wherever grief walks lonely in its garden, an upward glance again reveals him, and there comes again the gentle question, like a soft touch on the heart's door to invite confession. Why should any one go un comforted? To every one who grieves or suffers, the tender Lord stands as close today as he did to Mary on that first Easter morning. And to one who really takes the comfort that is offered, there is ever after, no one hour or day of comfort only, but a year-long Easter.

Glorious Easter Message.

How it changes the outlook on life, this Easter message! How differently we look upon the inhumanities of this life, the unfairness, the indignity, the sorrow of it all. It is for such a tiny part of our life! Just the schooling period! All the evidence shows there will be a balancing of accounts and a better state of things for those who wish for it, on the other side of the grave.

WOMEN FROM 45 to 55 TESTIFY

To the Merit of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during Change of Life.



Westbrook, Me. — "I was passing through the Change of Life and had pains in my back and side and was so weak I could hardly do my housework. I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it has done me a lot of good. I will recommend your medicine to my friends and give you permission to publish my testimonial." — Mrs. LAWRENCE MARTIN, 12 King St., Westbrook, Maine.

Manston, Wis. — "At the Change of Life I suffered with pains in my back and loins until I could not stand. I also had night-sweats so that the sheets would be wet. I tried other medicine but got no relief. After taking one bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I began to improve and I continued its use for six months. The pains left me, the night-sweats and hot flashes grew less, and in one year I was a different woman. I know I have to thank you for my continued good health ever since." — Mrs. M. J. BROWNELL, Manston, Wis.

The success of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, is unparalleled in such cases.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

Caravaggio Picture Found.

An important find has been made in the art collection of Marchese della Stufa at France. It is a painting by Caravaggio, which had been lost sight of for many years. The painting was known to connoisseurs through a print in the Galleria degli Uffizi.

Sig di Pietro, the secretary of this gallery, was determined to find the picture. It was known that in the year 1700 it was in possession of the Cerretani family, which is now extinct.

Sig di Pietro, while examining Marchese della Stufa's collection saw the painting and immediately identified it. The Uffizi print is an exact reproduction of the picture, which is a typical Caravaggio. It depicts six youths, one of whom is playing a violin, one a lute and one a flute, while two are singing and one is listening.—New York Sun.

Secrets of the Wardrobe.

When Winston Churchill was running for the governorship of New Hampshire, his opponents became pestiferously active making speeches, writing letters and distributing campaign buttons. One morning a friend sent this telegram to Churchill:

"Have you no buttons for your supporters?"

The candidate was out of town and did not get the telegram, but a pretty girl stenographer did.

"No. We use safety pins."
—WINSTON CHURCHILL.
—Popular Mechanics.

All Shades.

"Will you give me a lock of your hair?"

"Certainly. What color do you prefer, green, purple or cerise?"

Practical Application.

"Pearls mean tears."
"Then buy 'em for her, and she'll stop crying for 'em."

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